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1. COMPARING REFTEL WITH THE FINAL VERSIONS OF THE
LTDP REPORT TO HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT (DPC/D
(78)7(FINAL)) AND THE ANNEXES (ANNEXES A-J, DPC/D
(78)14) WE HAVE NOTED A FEW VARIANCES BETWEEN THE
REFTEL AND THE ANNEXES IN POINTS OF DETAIL, WHICH
WE DISCUSS IN PARAGRAPH 2 BELOW. THE ANNEXES NOW
FORM PART OF THE DECISION SHEET FOR THE MINISTERIAL
MEETING, WITH THE LANGUAGE CHANGED, WHERE APPROPRIATE,
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INTO THE PAST TENSE; E.G., "MINISTERS AGREED" RATHER
THAN "MINISTERS ARE INVITED TO AGREE", ETC. WE
ARRANGED FOR A COPY OF DPC/D(78)7(FINAL) AND OF
DPC/D(78)14 TO BE HAND CARRIED TO WASHINGTON ON
MAY 25.

2. VARIANCES.

- A. ANNEX A (READINESS), RECOMMENDATIONS PARA 14(G) -- NATO ALERT SYSTEM. THIS PARAGRAPH STILL CARRIES AN ITALIAN FOOTNOTE READING: "ITALY IS NOT YET IN A POSITION TO AGREE THAT THIS PROPOSAL SHOULD GO TO HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT", TO WHAT END WE CANNOT FATHOM SINCE THE PROPOSAL IS, IN FACT, INCLUDED IN THE REPORT TO HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT, WITHOUT ANY FOOTNOTES. AS WE THOUGHT MIGHT HAPPEN, MODIFYING THE WORDING TO READ "TO SEEK TO REVIEW..." AS SECRETARY BROWN PROPOSED, MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE TURKS TO DROP THEIR FOOTNOTE.

- B. ANNEX D (MARITIME POSTURE), RECOMMENDATIONS PARA 12(D)(II) -- IMPROVEMENT OF THE EXISTING MINELAYING AND MINING CAPABILITY TO EXECUTE NATO AND NATIONAL MINELAYING PLANS. THE ITALIANS HAVE KEPT THEIR FOOTNOTE, READING "ITALY PREFERS ONLY TO 'GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION' TO THIS PROPOSAL".

- C. ANNEX J (CONSUMER LOGISTICS), DESCRIPTIVE TEXT PARA 4 -- LIMITED COORDINATION CAPABILITY IN HQS AFCEAT. THE US FOOTNOTE CONTAINS THE ORIGINAL WORDING; I.E., IT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE WORD "COORDINATING" BETWEEN THE WORDS "LOGISTICS" AND "COMMAND", WHICH SECRETARY BROWN SAID HE WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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BE WILLING TO ADD. THIS WEEK, THE IS CONTACTED US ON THIS POINT, BELIEVING THAT SECRETARY BROWN HAD WITHDRAWN THAT OFFER WHEN IT DID NOT ATTRACT ANY SUPPORT WHICH WOULD HAVE PERMITTED SUBSTITUTING THE MODIFIED US PREFERRED LANGUAGE FOR THE EXISTING WORDING IN THE DESCRIPTIVE TEXT WHICH ALL THE ALLIES PREFERRED. SINCE SECRETARY BROWN SUBSEQUENTLY ACCEPTED LUNS' COMPROMISE PROPOSAL FOR THE WORDING OF THE RECOMMENDATION ON THIS MEASURE (PARA 12(C)), TO DELETE THE WORD "LIMITED" IN EXCHANGE FOR DROPPING THE US FOOTNOTE ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS, IT SEEMED BETTER TO US TO KEEP THE ORIGINAL US PREFERRED WORDING FOR THE DESCRIPTIVE TEXT IN PARAGRAPH 4. THUS, ANNEX J NOW REFLECTS THE FULL, UNCOMPROMISED US VIEW ON THE DESCRIPTIVE TEXT FOR THE MEASURE (PARAGRAPH 4) VIA THE US FOOTNOTE, AND THE FACT THAT THE US ACCEPTED THE CONSENSUS FOR THE MODIFIED WORDING FOR THE ACTUAL RECOMMENDATION ON THE MEASURE (PARA 12(C)).

- D. ANNEX J (CONSUMER LOGISTICS) RECOMMENDATIONS PARA 12(B) -- HARMONIZATION OF LOGISTICS ARRANGE-

MENTS IN THE COMMUNICATIONS ZONES. THE TURKS
MAINTAINED THEIR FOOTNOTE, READING: "TURKEY
PREFERS 'IN PRINCIPLE'."

- E. ANNEX J (CONSUMER LOGISTICS) RECOMMENDATIONS
PARA 12 -- REMEDIAL MEASURES FOR DISCHARGE OF BULK
OR CONTAINERIZED CARGOES OF AMMUNITION. REFTTEL
REPORTS, AND THE VERBATIM RECORD OF THE MEETING
CONFIRMS, THAT THE FRG AND BELGIUM WITHDREW THEIR
FOOTNOTE, ACCEPTING LUNS' PROPOSED COMPROMISE

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WORDING OF "AGREE AS APPROPRIATE". HOWEVER, THOUGH
THE FRG AND BELGIAN FOOTNOTE DOES NOT APPEAR IN THE
FINAL VERSION OF ANNEX J, NEITHER DO THE WORDS
"AS APPROPRIATE". GLITMAN

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